by Ministry. One estimate amounting to Rs. 34.49 lakh is under consideration in the Ministry. State PWD of UP has submitted 14 estimates amounting to Rs. 749.92 lakh during 2007-08. Out of these 13 estimates amounting to Rs. 349.16 lakh have been sanctioned by the Ministry. One estimate amounting to Rs. 24.12 lakh is under consideration in the Ministry.

(d) and (e) During 2007-08, Rs. 8.92 crore and Rs. 4.06 crore have been allocated for Flood Damage Repair works in respect of Rajasthan and U.P. States respectively;

(f) and (g) The allocation of funds for maintenance and repair of National Highways in the country is nearly 40% of the amount required as per norms. National Highways are maintained in traffic worthy condition within available resources.

Resurfacing of Vadodara-Surat NH

2266. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:
SHRI SURENDRA MOTILAL PATEL:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Gujarat has represented to NHAI regarding need of urgent resurfacing of Vadodara-Surat National Highway;

(b) if so, by when this work would be taken up;

(c) whether it is a fact that travel time of three hours has increased to five hours on account of bad condition of road between Vadodara and Surat; and

(d) if so, the action taken by NHAI to prevent frequent breakdown of vehicles and traffic jams taking place on account of bad condition of roads?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, The urgent resurfacing work on scattered badly damaged stretches due to heavy rains in aggregate length of 70 Km. has been completed.

(c) As significant sections suffered damages during the monsoon due to heavy rainfall/ flood and owning to repair work and widening work on Vadodara-Surat section requiring traffic regulation and diversions, there is some increas in travel time on occasions.

(d) The section is already under construction for 6 laning on BOT basis and is targeted to be completed July 2009. This project also includes various improvements like provision of flyovers at major junctions, ROBs on Railways crossing, pedestrian underpasses etc. which will improve the riding comfort and reduce congestion on this section.

Delhi-Jaipur expressway

†2267. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI:
DR. PRABHA THAKUR:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minister of Finance had announced construction of expressway from Delhi to Jaipur in his budget speech 2006-07; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, by when this construction work would be started and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) Finance Minister announced 1,000 km. of expressway along the corridors of Vadodara-Mumbai (400 km.) and six others from which the balance 600 km. were to be selected. Delhi-Jaipur was one such corridor. Further decision for Delhi-Jaipur expressway is yet to be taken.

However, Delhi-Jaipur section has been approved for six laning and the Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) concession for the project has been awarded in February, 2008 under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase-V.

Proposals from Kerala

2268. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of pending proposals received from the State Government of Kerala for construction of by-passes in the State; and

(b) the status of each proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) There is no proposal pending in the Ministry regarding construction of bypass in the State of Kerala.

(b) Does not arise.

Road to New Mangalore Port Trust

2269. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new road connectivity to the extent of 37.47 kilometres to the New Mangalore Port Trust was proposed and the contract had been awarded to IRCON on 16th June, 2005 with targeted date for completion as 15th December, 2007 at an estimated cost of Rs. 168.21 crores;

(b) whether there is no sign of the work being completed in the near future;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the measures that are contemplated to ensure expeditious implementation of the project with minimum time and cost overrun?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The target date of completion was 15th December, 2007. However, due to delay in completion of land acquisition and other pre-construction activities, the work has been delayed.

(d) The measures taken for ensuring expeditious implementation of this project include close monitoring of the project by holding monthly and quarterly review meetings, at various levels, proposed signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between NHAI and